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Idaho Milk Production Up 4.9 Percent

Idaho milk production during December 2010 totaled 1.07 billion pounds, a 4.9 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 2.0 percent from November 2010. November 2010 milk production was revised to 1.05 billion pounds, down 5 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in December 2010 was 1,860 pounds, up 10 pounds from December 2009. The average number of milk cows during December was 574,000 head, up 24,000 from December 2009 and up 2,000 head from November 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 15.0 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from December 2009. November revised production at 14.4 billion pounds, was up 3.1 percent from November 2009. The November revision represented an increase of 8 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,794 pounds for December, 33 pounds above December 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.39 million head, 74,000 head more than December 2009, and 15,000 head more than November 2010.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, December 2009-2010

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	167	184	2,005	1,970	335	362	8.1
California	1,762	1,748	1,865	1,930	3,286	3,374	2.7
Colorado	116	123	1,900	1,985	220	244	10.9
Florida	112	114	1,535	1,580	172	180	4.7
Idaho	550	574	1,850	1,860	1,018	1,068	4.9
Illinois	101	98	1,600	1,640	162	161	-0.6
Indiana	169	171	1,675	1,695	283	290	2.5
Iowa	215	207	1,750	1,775	376	367	-2.4
Kansas	115	122	1,785	1,805	205	220	7.3
Michigan	354	361	1,910	1,920	676	693	2.5
Minnesota	470	470	1,630	1,630	766	766	
Missouri	103	95	1,230	1,230	127	117	-7.9
New Mexico	318	321	2,015	2,065	641	663	3.4
New York	610	611	1,675	1,750	1,022	1,069	4.6
Ohio	272	270	1,580	1,620	430	437	1.6
Oregon	114	121	1,625	1,650	185	200	8.1
Pennsylvania	539	542	1,620	1,640	873	889	1.8
Texas	411	420	1,795	1,845	738	775	5.0
Utah	82	86	1,795	1,780	147	153	4.1
Vermont	134	135	1,545	1,585	207	214	3.4
Virginia	95	95	1,525	1,545	145	147	1.4
Washington	243	252	1,940	1,945	471	490	4.0
Wisconsin	1,259	1,265	1,705	1,710	2,147	2,163	0.7
23 State Total	8,311	8,385	1,761	1,794	14,632	15,042	2.8

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Idaho Red Meat Production Down 12 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for December 2010 totaled 16.1 million pounds, down 12 percent from December of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-December 2010 period totaled 205.3 million pounds, down 10 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.36 billion pounds in December, up 5 percent from the 4.15 billion pounds produced in December 2009. Beef production, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.92 million head, up 6 percent from December 2009. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,305 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.7 million pounds, 11 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 77,700 head, down 16 percent from December 2009. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from last year, at 261 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.06 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.93 million head, up 1 percent from December 2009. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 277 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.0 million pounds, was down 6 percent from December 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 217,300 head, 8 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 2 pounds from December a year ago. January to December 2010 commercial red meat production was 49.1 billion pounds, down slightly from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010	December 2010 As Percent Of 2009 ^{2/}
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	151.8	148.1	156.4	103
Colorado	165.7	171.1	184.6	111
Idaho	18.3	18.8	16.1	88
Illinois	242.2	249.4	239.6	99
Iowa	579.5	593.6	595.0	103
Kansas	434.3	456.1	461.4	106
Minnesota	224.9	249.3	247.1	110
Montana	2.3	2.0	2.1	93
Nebraska	580.9	634.5	630.7	109
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	88
Oklahoma	98.4	102.6	105.5	107
Oregon	4.9	5.4	5.0	102
South Dakota	79.7	98.6	96.0	120
Texas	414.8	417.5	437.8	106
Utah	34.7	36.3	37.2	107
Washington	69.3	72.9	72.0	104
Wyoming	0.6	0.5	0.6	113
UNITED STATES	4,148.6	4,329.2	4,355.2	105

^{1/} Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. ^{2/} Percentages based on unrounded data.

IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED UP 12 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on January 1, 2011 totaled 240,000 head, up 12 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is up 2 percent from December 1, 2010. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during December totaled 42,000 head, up 1,000 head from December 2009 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during December totaled 35,000 head, same as a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 2,000 head during December.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on January 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above January 1, 2010. The inventory included 7.18 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.26 million head, up 5 percent from 2010. Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.80 million, 16 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 480,000, 600-699 pounds were 495,000, 700-799 pounds were 440,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 380,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent above 2009. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 65,000 during December, 10 percent below 2009.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	January 1, 2010	December 1, 2010	January 1, 2011		
			Number	As % of 2010	As % of December
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	287	249	258	90	104
California	465	470	470	101	100
Colorado	1,010	1,090	1,080	107	99
Idaho	215	235	240	112	102
Iowa	570	630	640	112	102
Kansas	2,250	2,360	2,280	101	97
Nebraska	2,360	2,460	2,430	103	99
Oklahoma	365	380	375	103	99
South Dakota	235	255	260	111	102
Texas	2,680	2,840	2,840	106	100
Washington	166	208	212	128	102
Other States	405	437	432	107	99
United States	11,008	11,614	11,517	105	99

Frozen Stocks

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on December 31, 2010, totaled 831 million pounds, a decrease of 2 percent from December 31, 2009 and down 9 percent from November 30, 2010. Other frozen potatoes, at 198 million pounds, increased 1 percent from last year and decreased 7 percent from the previous month.

United States stocks of butter on December 31, 2010, totaled 82 million pounds, down 38 percent from the end of the previous year, but up 17 percent from the previous month. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 633 million pounds, up 8 percent from December 31, 2009, and up 1 percent from November 30, 2010.

Commodity	Dec 31, 2009	Nov 30, 2010	Dec 31, 2010	Percent of	
				Dec 2009	Nov 2010
			<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
POTATOES:					
French Fries	847,238	913,938	831,091	98	91
Other Frozen	196,607	213,539	197,948	101	93
Total	1,043,845	1,127,477	1,029,039	99	91
DAIRY:					
Butter	133,022	69,932	81,923	62	117
Natural Cheese					
American, Total	584,981	625,293	632,551	108	101

2010 Idaho Fruit Production

Idaho's 2010 utilized apple production is estimated at 60 million pounds, up 33 percent from 2009. Apple value of utilized production is estimated at \$11.8 million, up 20 percent from 2009, but down 31 percent from 2008. Peach utilized production totaled 6,500 tons, down 22 percent from 2009. Peach value of utilized production is estimated at \$5.90 million, down 19 percent from 2009, but up 17 percent from 2008. Sweet cherry utilized production is estimated at 1,800 tons, down 33 percent from 2009. Sweet cherry value of utilized production is estimated at \$4.01 million, up 35 percent from 2009, but down 29 percent from 2008. Prune and plum utilized production in 2010 is estimated at 2,600 tons, up 30 percent from 2009. Prune and plum value of utilized production is estimated at \$983,000, down 1 percent from 2009 and down 23 percent from 2008.

Nationally, utilized apple production for 2010 is estimated at 9.21 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2009. Utilized production in Washington increased 6 percent from 2009 to 5.50 billion pounds. Utilized peach production for 2010 is estimated at 1.13 million tons, up 5 percent from the previous year. The California crop, accounting for 72 percent of the United States utilized peach production, is down less than 1 percent from 2009. Utilized sweet cherry production decreased 19 percent from a year ago to 311,130 tons. Utilized prune and plum production in Idaho, Oregon, Michigan, and Washington totaled 11,400 tons, down 36 percent from last year.

Utilized Fruit Production, Selected States & U.S., 2009 – 2010

State	Apples		Peaches		Prunes & Plums		Sweet Cherries	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Tons</i>		<i>Tons</i>		<i>Tons</i>	
California	265.0	300.0	^{1/} 350,000	^{1/} 385,000	--	--	89,000	94,000
Georgia	2/	2/	30,000	38,500	--	--	--	--
Idaho	45.0	60.0	8,300	6,500	2,000	2,600	2,700	1,800
Illinois	39.6	43.0	7,580	7,580	--	--	--	--
Michigan	995.0	590.0	16,700	13,830	2,000	1,500	28,600	14,400
New York	1,360.0	1,280.0	6,400	5,850	--	--	940	800
North Carolina	105.0	134.0	4,150	5,470	--	--	--	--
Oregon	130.0	120.0	2/	2/	9,400	4,000	52,000	37,000
Pennsylvania	483.0	468.0	27,800	20,800	--	--	--	--
South Carolina	2/	2/	66,000	102,800	--	--	--	--
Utah	16.0	11.5	5,500	4,240	--	--	1,330	1,080
Virginia	245.0	200.0	5,010	5,570	--	--	--	--
Washington	5,200.0	5,500.0	14,500	15,000	4,300	3,300	210,000	160,000
West Virginia	79.0	61.0	5,290	5,000	--	--	--	--
UNITED STATES	9,453.1	9,205.3	^{3/} 1,082,610	^{4/} 1,131,590	^{5/} 17,700	^{5/} 11,400	385,625	311,130

1/ Freestone only. 2/ Estimate discontinued in 2009. 3/ Includes CA Clingstone total production of 469,000 tons.

4 / Includes CA Clingstone production of 432,000 tons. 5/ Excludes California prunes (dried basis).